

Date: February 25, 2010

To: The members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee

Re: SB 63

My name is Emily Lincoln, and I am a school bus driver in Waterford, and I have come to work sick.

I urge you to support **SB 63 AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES.**

As a school bus driver, I have never had paid sick days. At least once a week, someone comes to work sick because we can't afford to lose pay, and everyone drives sick once in a while. Years ago, when I was driving in Stonington, I came to work with a high fever. If I don't work, I don't get paid and I could not afford to be out. Because I was so sick, I couldn't properly focus on the road. I ended up backing into a stop sign and damaging my bus. I'm lucky that I wasn't in a more serious accident and that no children were hurt.

If bus drivers don't have paid sick time, they will come to work sick. When bus drivers come to work sick, dangerous situations can happen. We can't afford to take risks like this with our children.

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